

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

Examples of the basic amino acid include arginine, histidine, ~~glutamine, asparagine~~[,] and citrulline. Among them, arginine is particularly preferred. The amount of the basic amino acid added is greater than or equal to 12%, preferably greater than or equal to 15%, in terms of its final concentration in the reaction system when the antibody-sensitized latex particles are mixed with the biological sample and agglutinated. An upper limit of the concentration of the basic amino acid is not limited in light of the effect of suppressing the variability of a measurement value attributable to phenotype variety. For example, the basic amino acid can be used at a concentration on the order of 40%. However, the concentration is preferably 25% or less, more preferably 20% or less, particularly preferably 17% or less, from the viewpoint of obtaining a favorable image of agglutination, although arginine.